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INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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USDEL JEC PARIS

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3631

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SUBJECT: AMERICANS MISSING IN BAN ME THUOT

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1. REV. T. GRADY MANGHAM, JR. AND DR. LOUIS L. KING
ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF CALLED ON ACTING CHAIRMAN ICCS
AMBASSADOR SAMIL INDODEL ON MARCH 27.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE AMB SAMIL INDICATED THAT AS CHAIRMAN HE COULD NOT OFFER ANY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO CONVINE A CONSULTATION TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE OTHER DELEGATIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAD FAILED TO RESPOND. HE INDICATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRECEDENT SET IN CASE OF THE MISSING JAPANESE, IN WHICH THE COMMISSION REFUSED TO BEVOME INVOLVED, HE WAS LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REFUSE. (BOTH HAD BEEN WARNED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSE BY EMBOFF AND THUS WERE NOT SURPRISED.)

3. SPEAKING AS ACTING HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION, HE
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RECOMMENDED THAT HIS VISITORS SEEK HELP THROUGH THE INDONESIAN

FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE THE INDONESIANS HAVE OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE DRV AND THE "PRG" IN JAKARTA. (NOTE: THE VISITORS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD FOLLOW HIS SUGGESTION.) AMB. SAMIL TOLD THEM THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WHICH THE INDONESIANS HAD RECEIVED, ALL OF THE FOREIGNERS IN BAN ME THUOT HAD BEEN MOVED OUT OF THE CITY, ALTHOUGH HE KNEW NOTHING OF THEIR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

4. EMBOFF INDICATED TO VISITORS IN PRIVATE THAT EMBASSY'S ATTEMPT TO SECURE SUPPORT FROM COMMUNIST DELEGATION TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICANS HAD FOUND A FAVORABLE RESPONSE. THE "PRG" HAD INDICATED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL THAT THEY WOULD ALLOW ALL FOREIGNERS, WHO WERE NOT MILITARY ADVISERS TO RETURN TO SAIGON IF THEY SO DESIRED, BUT THE "PRG" HAD AS YET FAILED TO CONFIRM THAT THEY WERE HOLDING ANYONE. LEHMANN

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